

Welcome from...

Stenhouse Community Council

Serving Stenhouse, Saughton Mains and Whitson

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Noticeboards:

Remember and check your local Noticeboard for important updates!

They can be located at:-

**Stenhouse and Whitson: at Stenhouse Cross (beside the Chemist)
and Saughton Mains: at Stenhouse Drive bus stop**

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Missing Person Alert: **Samantha Wright**

Samantha lived in Edinburgh for a number of years and was known to be in the East end of Edinburgh on the day of her disappearance on June 12th 2008. However, enquiry has failed to find any trace of her after this date.

Concerns for her grew after she failed to contact her family in Stevenage for Christmas, or her birthday on January 5th. Samantha is described as white, 5ft 6ins tall, medium build, with long brown wavy hair, dark brown eyes, and a pale complexion. It is possible that she may be wearing spectacles.

If you have ANY information, please can contact Lothian and Borders Police on **0131 311 3131**, or Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on **0800 555 111**.



Who We Are and How We Can Help **YOU**

Stenhouse Community Council was set up in 1982, and run on a voluntary basis by local people and represents everyone living or working in the area. Representatives for Saughton Mains Residents Association, Stenhouse Bowling Club, Scottish Pensioners Association, and Stenhouse Gorgie Baptist Church attend our monthly meetings as well as political, and Edinburgh Council, representatives.

Meetings are normally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Carrickvale Community Centre. Space is limited so please let us know in advance if you would like to attend.

Stenhouse Community Council acts as a single voice for our local area. We put forward the views, of those living and working in our area, to the City Council and other organisations. We campaign and raise awareness of issues affecting the community; influence many areas including local planning applications, transport, community safety, amenity and licensing matters; and organise community events.

Want to add your voice and are concerned about what goes on in your local community? Then Come and Join Us!

Walkabouts

We have regular walkabouts and are joined by the local Community Police Officer, and various City of Edinburgh council officers, representing areas of Anti-Social Behaviour, Road and Pavements, and Environmental issues.

This lets us see what's happening in our area and to deal quickly with them. **If you've got an issue or concern, please let us know!**

Dog Fouling

Thank you to the majority of dog owners who remove their dog's pooh in a responsible way! Apart from being a messy nuisance, it is also a considerable health risk, especially to children.

You can report dog fouling to the Council Environmental Wardens on,

0131 527 3817 or 0131 529 3422.

Tell us YOUR issues and concerns: contact details are on the back page
Please take a good look at our website and give us your views, comments
and suggestions on how we can improve it.

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News

Important Bus Route Information (Numbers 2 and 20)

Service 2

The Jewel - Niddrie - Prestonfield - Grassmarket - Haymarket - Gorgie - Westfield - Balgreen - Stenhouse - Broomhouse - HERMISTON GAIT - Gyle Centre
(runs to Hermiston Gait every 15 mins Monday - Friday, and every 20 mins on Saturday).

Service 20

Slateford - Kingsknowe - Clovenstone - Wester Hailes - Westside Plaza - The Calders - Sighthill - HERMISTON GAIT [runs every 40 mins Monday - Saturday].

We have formally proposed - to the Council and Lothian Buses - that the Number 2 bus service route be amended so that it passes Whippark, and Sighthill, Health Centres. We'll keep you updated on our progress.



Stenhouse / Whitson Community Centre

The Community Centre, 80 Stevenson Drive, has now been demolished and is being replaced by a new single storey training centre. The Reserve Forces And Cadets Association (287 Squadron) will relocate there. Their existing building (114 Stenhouse Drive) has now also been demolished and work on the trams is currently underway in this area. [Further Information: Please contact us at \[www.stenhousecc.org.uk\]\(http://www.stenhousecc.org.uk\)](#)

Trams

The work taking place along Stenhouse Drive, at Balgreen, and the closure of the guided bus lane that runs along this route, is in connection with the installation of facilities for the new tram system. Work continues at Balgreen Road; Stenhouse Drive; and Carrick Knowe Bridge. [Further Information: please visit \[www.edinburghtrams.com\]\(http://www.edinburghtrams.com\) or phone 0800 328 3934](#)

Swine Flu

Swine flu is the common name that has been given to a new strain of influenza thought to have originated in pigs. Catch your sneeze in a tissue, place it quickly in a bin and wash your hands and surfaces regularly to kill the virus. [Any concerns, please contact NHS24 on 08454 242424.](#)



Police Report - PC Neil Doig, Community Police Officer

There were several cars broken into in Fords Road on 29 June. These appear to have occurred between 8am and 8pm approximately. Any information would be appreciated.

About 10pm on 21 June the Fire & Rescue Service attended Saughton Mains Street to extinguish a blaze in a green coloured Vauxhall Vectra, which had broken down and had been left there by its owner. Police are investigating the circumstances of the fire and would appreciate any information.

Community Officers have distributed Crime Prevention advice / booklets at several local supermarkets, giving advice on how to protect you and your property. Information can also be obtained from www.stenhousecc.org.uk

Please report incidents / problems to the Police or Council. It's important the Police know what's going on and where the problems are, to help target specific issues and deploy resources.

[Contact Neil Doig at Wester Hailes Police Station, 0131-622-2426 or \[neil.doig@lbp.pnn.police.uk\]\(mailto:neil.doig@lbp.pnn.police.uk\)](#)

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Skatepark at Saughton Park

It will be located to the east of the existing play area next to Balgreen Road.

On 5th March 2009 the Scottish Government approved the planning permission for the proposed outdoor skatepark in Saughton park.

An outdoor skatepark has been long sought after by Edinburgh's young people. Edinburgh Skatepark Project (ESP) was established in 2001 to represent Edinburgh's skaters and campaign for skate facilities in the city. The facility will incorporate beginner areas, intermediate ramps and competition standard features and is intended for use by children, beginners, and X-Games standard experts. It has also been designed to accommodate BMX bikes and rollerblade users.

The skatepark will be a free, open access facility and open seven days per week during daylight hours. Evening hours will be controlled by timed lighting. The skatepark will be monitored by CCTV which will also cover the children's play area. The play area will be refurbished.

The project is expected to start on 16th August and will take about 6 months to complete (depending upon factors such as bad weather).

Why Saughton Park?

Saughton Park is already a venue for sporting activities and a destination park for children and young people's outdoor play. The skatepark will complement this use.

Would the skatepark be fenced?

The skatepark will have a perimeter fence to stop anyone wandering into the area, which will be approximately 1m in height.

How will this affect problems with anti-social behaviour?

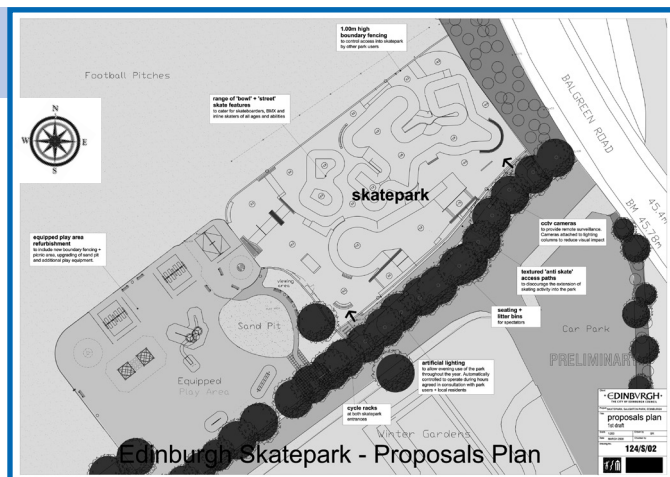
The Community Police support this project as anti-social behaviour is not a feature associated with skaters and skateparks, indeed police frequently experience a decrease in reported problems following the installation of a skatepark.

Who will look after the skatepark?

The skatepark will not be formally supervised, but it will be inspected and maintained regularly. Skaters have a good record for ensuring the facilities they use are free from litter, leaves and debris to comply with the safety requirements of their sport.

Are skateboarding, rollerblading and bmx cycling, really sports?

Skateboarding and rollerblading are recognised by sportscotland as an increasingly popular sport. BMX cycling was given Olympic sport status in 2008.



For all the latest news and events for cycling and skateboarding, please visit:

www.BritishCycling.org.uk – promoting and supporting British Cycling
www.SkateboardScotland.com – promoting and support Scottish Skateboarding

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Community Council Elections Your Community Needs YOU!!

“Being a Community Councillor has made me feel useful and needed and I enjoy the variety of issues and the people that I work with.”

Want to get involved in decision-making for your local community?!

Please read our section in this newsletter, ‘Who we are and How we can help YOU’ for information on what the Community Council does.

Community Councils can make a REAL difference to the local community and we need YOUR voice to be successful!

Election Timetable

Monday 31st August - Monday 14th September

Thursday 15th October: Polling Day (if a poll is required)

Nominations are invited from members of the Community whose names are on the current Electoral Registers for the Stenhouse, Saughton Mains and Whitson areas. All Election details are available to view at our website www.stenhousecc.org.uk

Places on our Community Council are limited to 18 (approximately), but you don't need to be a Member in order to help strengthen your community.

We would value any time / expertise you can give.

Public Meeting

We intend to hold a Public Meeting to hear **YOUR** views on main issues facing our community. Topics for discussion could include Anti-Social Behaviour, Transport issues (eg. Trams), Environmental issues - let us know if you want a particular topic discussed. Date and location are still to be confirmed.

We will update our website, www.stenhousecc.org.uk, and our Noticeboards, with final details shortly.

Advertise With Us

Please contact us if you wish to advertise your company/organisation to households and businesses within the Stenhouse, Saughton Mains and Whitson areas via our newsletters and website.

Want to Know More?!

We represent **YOUR** views, so please get in touch and let us know your news and views. We're here to help!

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Big Thanks

With Big Thanks to the **Neighbourhood Partnership** for funding this newsletter! Find out more about them and what they do for our community at www.edinburghnp.org.uk



We'd recommend holding onto this Newsletter as you never know when you might want to get involved, but if you do bin it, **please recycle!**

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Events

Carrickvale Community Centre

Our local community centre offers a variety of courses and events as well as information for help and advice. The Community Centre, based at **2 Saughton Mains Street**, offers a variety of courses, events and facilities to everyone.

Summer Programme offers a range of activities and events for children, youths and families. Includes horse riding, art and games, coach trips, and go-karting.

There's something happening all year round so pop in and see what they have to offer.

The Princes Trust Team Programme

For those aged 16-25, next course starts in November – Recruiting Now! A 12 week course to improve confidence, motivation and skills. Offers the opportunity for young people to recognise their own learning and gain a nationally recognised qualification for their personal progress.

Further information from Sean Jarvie on 07825925185.

Summer Fayre on Saturday 29th August, (12–4pm)



Annual event organised by the Saughton Mains Residents Association. The Fayre takes place at Stenhouse Primary School and is open to everyone! Lots of fun, games, cakes and things to enjoy. Minimal entry fee which pays for the stalls, and amusements, so it goes directly back into making sure you have a good time!

So come along and have some fun!!

25th Anniversary

We wanted to celebrate our 25th Anniversary with the community, so we were very pleased to present Stenhouse Primary School with a trophy which will be awarded each year to the winner of the school's Robert Burns Poetry Reading Competition.



Stenhouse Primary School

On 26th February pupils sang in the Edinburgh Festival of Music Speech and Dance, held at St Cuthbert's Church. They were awarded "Excellent" in every category, and came first in the Scots Song competition! The 'William Baird' trophy is displayed for a year at the School.

www.stenhouse.uk.org

Useful Contacts

Carrickvale Community Centre: 0131 443 6971

Balgreen Library: 0131 529 5585

Citizens Advice: 0131 474 8080

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Anti-Social Behaviour: 0131 529 7050 (24 hr helpline)

Community Help and Advice Initiative (CHAI)
0131 442 2100

Whinpark Medical Centre: 0131 455 7999

Sighthill Medical Centre: 0131 537 7060

Wester Hailes Police Station: 0131 442 2626

Stenhouse Primary School: 0131 443 1255

Stevenson College (Edinburgh): 0131 535 4600

Edinburgh Napier University: 08452 60 60 40

NHS24: 08454 242424

There are loads of things to do and see in and around Edinburgh - so please check our website for details of local events. If you would like to advertise an event please tell us.